SO WITHOUT THAT SPHERE—

THE NOOSPHERE.
WITHOUT THE NOOSPHERE, ATMAN'S PROCESSOR WON'T WORK?

CORRECT.

AND THE FORGE DON'T HAVE ANY OF THE PIECES?
SO WHAT, THEY'RE TRYING TO GET THE NOOSPHERE FROM STARR AND FORCE A STALEMATE?
THAT'S OUR THEORY.
I'M GLAD YOU CLEARED THAT UP FOR ME. BECAUSE I GOT LOST TWO TEMPLES AGO!

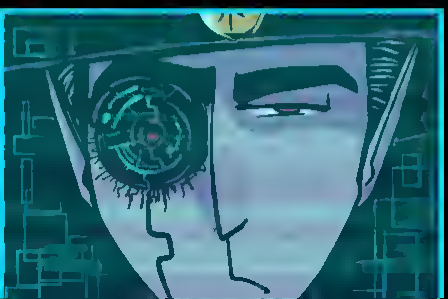
BUT YOU KNEW WE WERE COMING? WHO WE WERE? WHO WE WORK FOR?

IT'S BECAUSE I *CAN* KNOW THESE THINGS THAT IAN HAS BROUGHT YOU TO ME.

I AM THE ONLY PERSON WHO KNOWS THEIR WAY AROUND THE SNOWNOMISH TRANSIT AUTHORITY'S

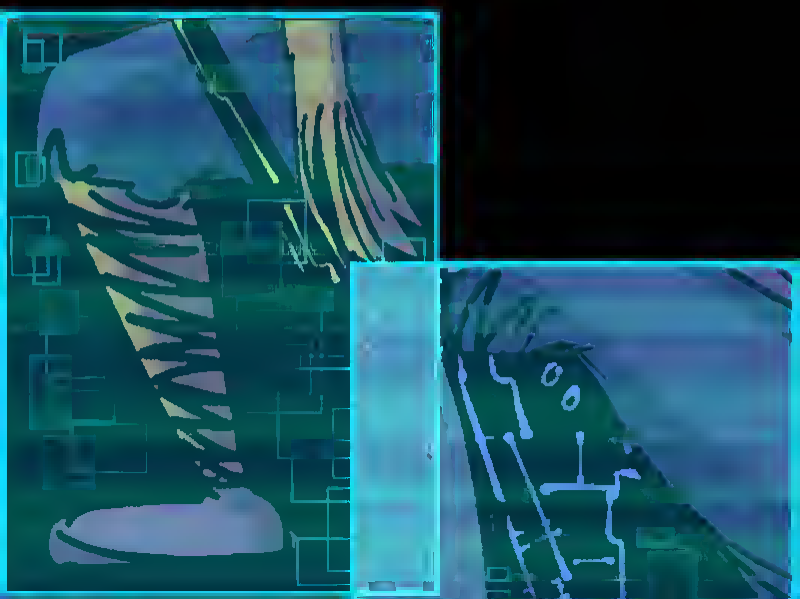
SYSTEMS.

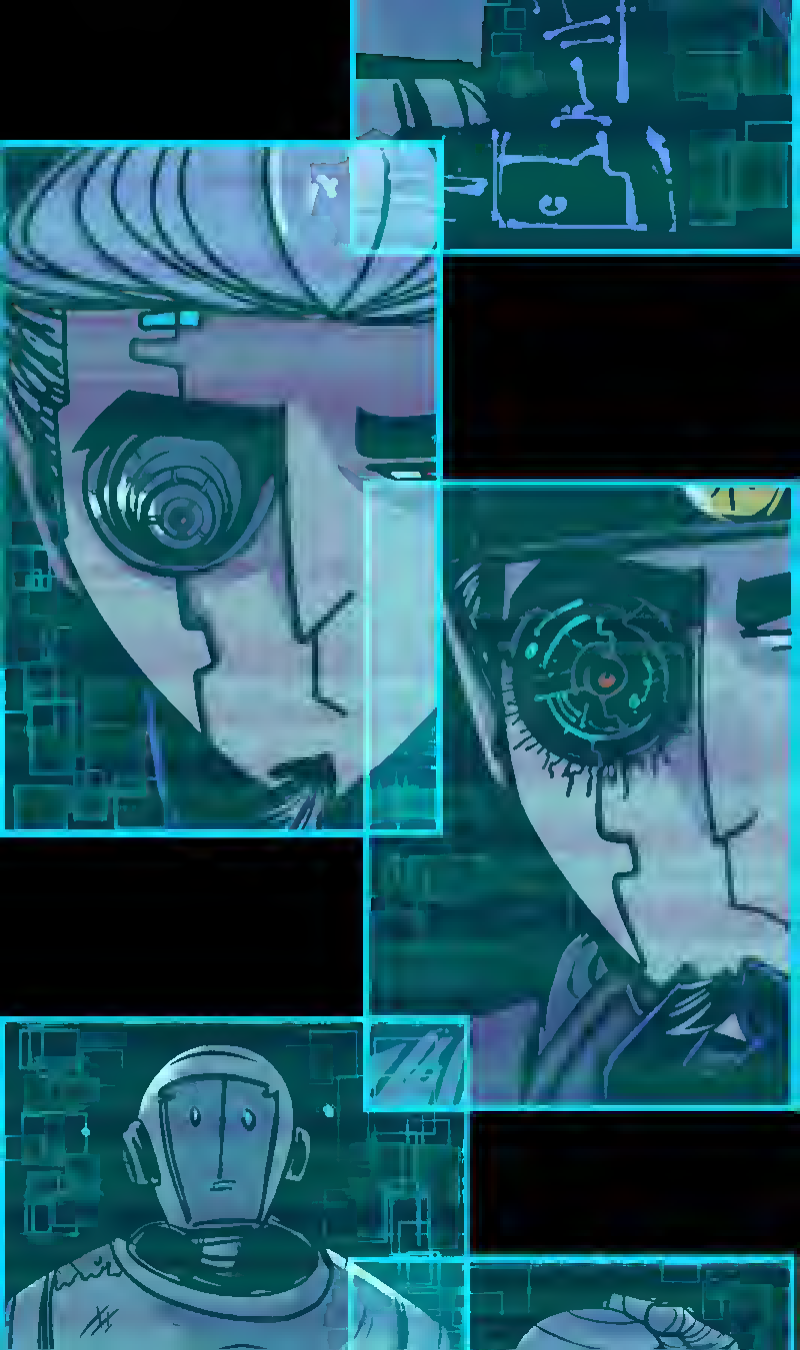
IF WE WANT OUT OF PORT NOSS, WE DEAL WITH GEEZER OR THE AUTHORITIES.



AND IAN
CAN'T GO TO
THE AUTHORITIES.

WHAT'S IT GOING TO COST US?





THIS IS WHY CORPORATE EXPENSE ACCOUNTS MATTER.

I DON'T CARE ABOUT CREDITS, GOBLINOID. OR POWERGAMES. I JUST WANT THE *NANITES*.

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WOAH!
YOUR *FRIENDS* HAVE SEEN BETTER DAYS.
BUT THIS HAS SAVED THEM. THIS IS WHY THEY ARE ALL ALIVE, ISN'T IT?

GEEZER, YOU DON'T WANT THIS.

I DON'T WANT THIS?! DON'T PRESUME YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I WANT, GNOMELING!
GEEZER, WE'VE NEVER TRIED THIS ON OUR BIOLOGY.
WE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU

DO THIS.

IF I DO NOTHING, MY OUTCOME IS CERTAIN.

FORGET IT, IAN. WE'LL FIND ANOTHER WAY TO GET OUT OF HERE.
IAN?
IF WE WANT TO GET STARR BEFORE HE GET'S TO THE FORGE, WE CAN'T WAIT FOR *ANOTHER* WAY.

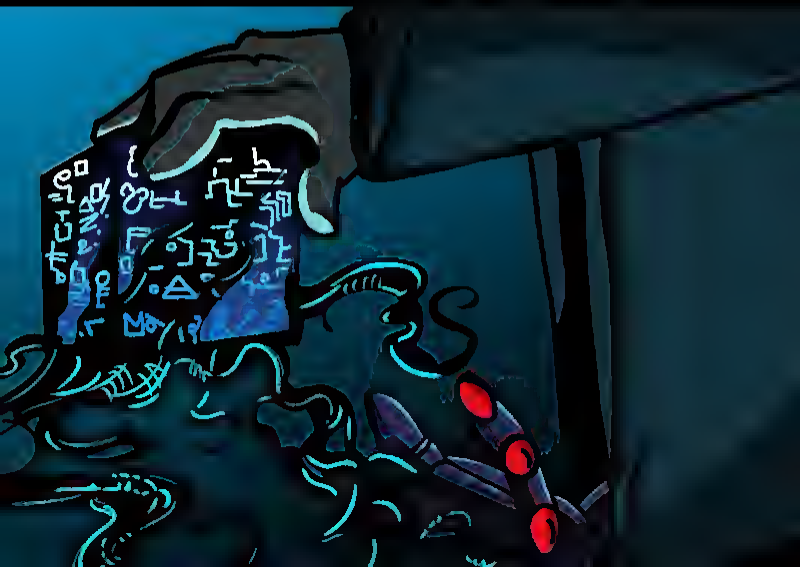
NO WAY I'M THE VOICE OF REASON HERE.

YOU CAN'T GIVE THIS TO HIM.
IAN, HE'S A TERRORIST!

PLEASE DON'T DO THIS GEEZER.

UHHH...
OH IT'S-
WOW.

THEY'RE TALKING. COMMUNICATING WITH MY MODS. IT'S AMAZING IAN.

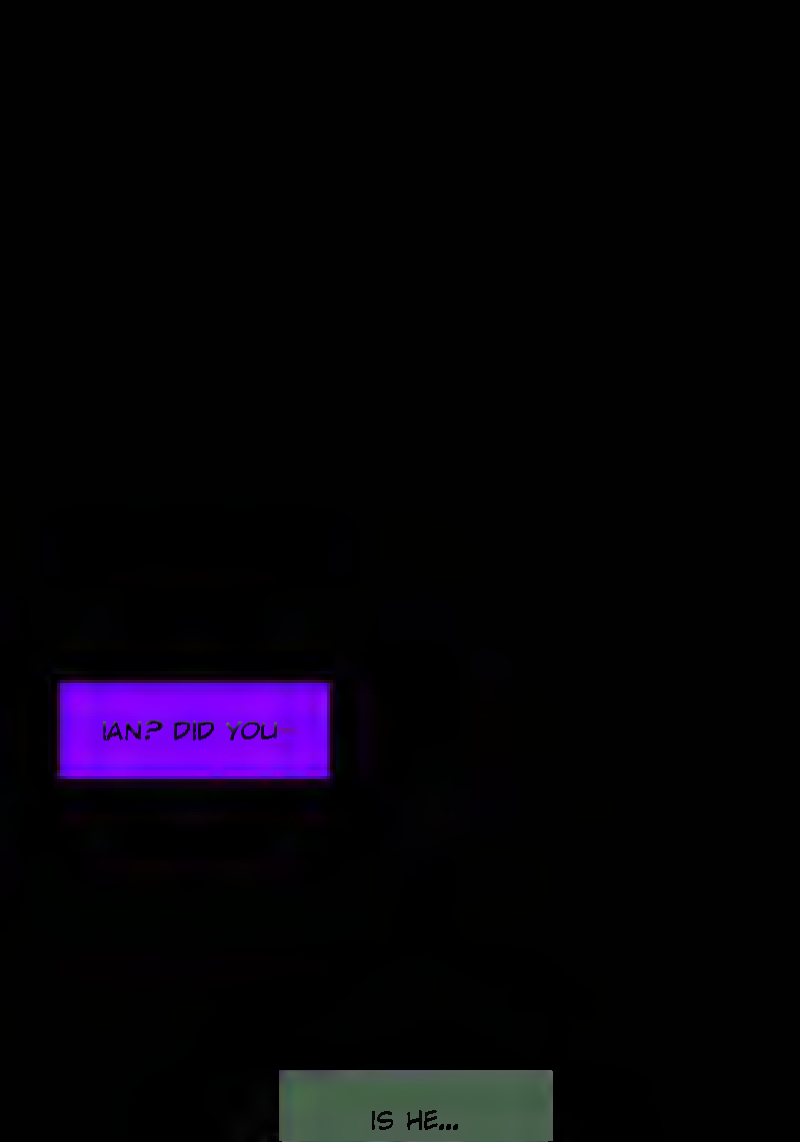


THEIR ARCHITECTURE IS MIRACULOUS IT'S...
IAN? WHAT- WHAT ARE THEY DOING TO

ME?

I TRIED, GEEZER. I TOLD YOU NOT TO TAKE IT.

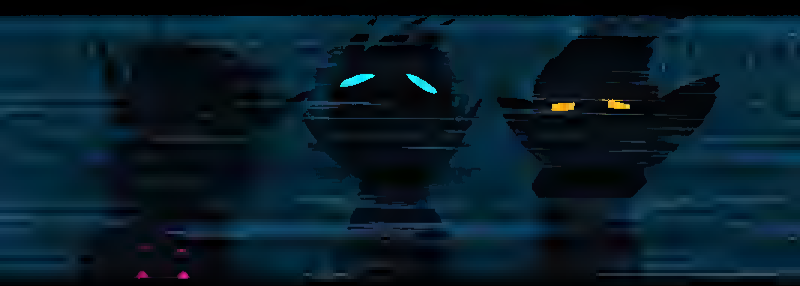
YOU'RE... YOU HACKED-
IAN, YOU'VE- I'M GOING TO...


IAN? DID YOU—
IS HE...

I HACKED HIM. OR AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO.

TRYING?

I WASN'T LYING. I'VE NEVER TRIED THIS ON ANYONE EXCEPT A CONSTRUCT.



A CONSTRUCT?

AND A DWARF.

SORT OF.

GEEZER IS OUR OLDEST FRIEND IAN THIS IS... THIS IS

MESSED UP!

REMIND ME
NOT TO MESS WITH
GNOMES